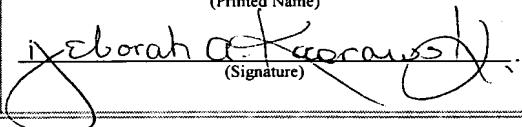




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Transmitted herewith is a Reply and Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

Reply and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (12 pages).

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	Claims As Amended	Previously Paid For	=	Extra Claims Present	x	Rate	=	Additional Claims Fee
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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

This Reply and Amendment is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 8, 2005, concerning the above-identified patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the Application as follows: